



Cotoneaster franchetii

Common Name(s):

Cotoneaster, Franchet's Cotoneaster

Current Threat Status (2009):

Exotic

Habitat:

Terrestrial. Outcompetes native shrub species in a wide variety of habitats. Usually dry forest and shrubland up to 300 m, forest margins, dry rangeland, bluffs, rocky sites, slips, riverbeds.

Features:

Evergreen shrub up to c. 3 m high; stems spreading and often somewhat arching; young shoots pale buff-tomentose, later becoming dark reddish brown. Leaves up to 35 x 18 mm, more or less shining and finely pilose with impressed veins above, usually with white to grey woolly tomentum (rarely pale buff) below. Flowers in clusters of 7-15 scattered along branches, Petals erect and pink. Fruit ellipsoid, oblong-obovoid, obovoid, or subglobose, 5-9 mm long, scarlet or orange scarlet.

Flowering:

November, December, January

For more information, visit:

http://nzpcn.org.nz/flora_details.asp?ID=3732



Caption: Tokaanu wharf, L Taupo

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